

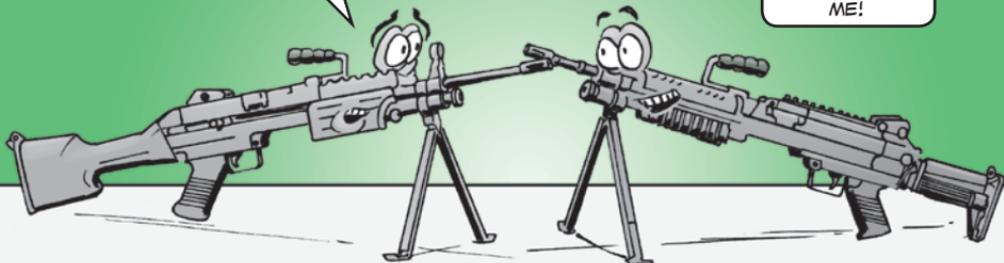
I HEAR THEY'RE TRANSFERRING YOU TO ANOTHER UNIT.

I GUESS THEY'LL HAVE TO PUT YOUR STANDARD BUTTSTOCK BACK ON?

NO, I WENT THROUGH THE MWO.

I KEEP THE COLLAPSIBLE BUTTSTOCK FROM NOW ON.

IT'S PERMANENTLY A PART OF ME!



MWO Switches Buttstocks

Dear Editor,

Page 40 in PS 723 (Feb 13) said that armorers need to keep the M249's solid buttstock even if they've switched to the new collapsible buttstock, NSN 1005-01-515-8268. That's because the collapsible buttstock is AAL, which means the solid buttstock must be reinstalled if the M249 is turned in or transferred to another unit.

But that's not true if the M249 has gone through MWO 9-1005-201-50-2, which replaces the solid buttstock with the collapsible buttstock. The collapsible buttstock becomes a component of end item (COEI). In that case, the solid buttstock should be turned in as directed in the MWO's Para 8.

One other point: The short barrel is indeed AAL and should be kept by the unit when they turn in or transfer an M249. But before the barrel is used on another M249, it must first be headspaced and tagged to that weapon. It's dangerous to fire an M249 with a barrel to which it hasn't been headspaced.

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Editor's note: Excellent points, WO1 Gleason. Thanks for educating us.

The small arms repair instructors in Maintenance Activity Vilseck pointed out that the M5 shoulder stock, LIN S41357 and NSN 1005-01-411-1264, is now obsolete. When armorers turn in the M5, they should make sure it's removed from their property book. Disposition instructions for the solid buttstock are in the MWO.